

Turkey Run Nature Center Activities

Labor Day Week-end Activities

Archeology Day

Saturday, September 1

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed Birds – Meet in the nature center's Wildlife Observation Room and help put out food for the birds.

10:00am-4pm Archeology Fest

*Try your hand at pre-historic activities: check out an atlatl, make plant fiber jewelry, have a petroglyph painted on your face, and make a medicine pouch and a dreamcatcher! Enjoy these free activities anytime all day near the Nature Center and Olympic Pool.

A DNR archaeologist will be on hand all day to look at your spear points, arrowheads and other artifacts. Find out where they were made and by whom, and discover all the different techniques used to make them.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Discover how easy it is to find the ancient constellations during a 40-minute interactive program. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm. Nature Center.

7:15pm – Animals Of The Past & Present - Come to the Nature Center auditorium to see (and touch) animals from pre-history & the present. This 1-hour program will feature slides of sloths, saber-toothed tigers and others, plus modern animals. Hold a real bear skull, feel its fur.

Sunday, September 2

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10:30-11:15am Nifty Knots – See how easy (and fun!) knot tying can be. Learn different knots for different jobs, and learn a knot rope trick, too. Nature Center porch.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above listing. *Reservations Recommended.* Doors close at 2. Nature Center.

2&3pm Lusk Home Tours – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for guided 1-hour tours of an 1841 brick mansion & garden. Hear the legends, meet the people & enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family. Fun for all ages!

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Labor Day Week-end Activities, cont.

Monday, September 3

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10:30-11am Roving Reptiles – Look for the naturalist with the snakes and turtles inside the Nature Center for your chance to touch them and see them close-up!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above listing.

Reservations Recommended. Doors close at 2. Nature Center.

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 4-5

Nature Center Closed

Thursday & Friday, September 6-7

OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Must be seated by 2.

Governor's Fitness Day: Get InShape, Indiana

Saturday, September 8

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

***10am DNR Day Walk** – Gather in front of the Nature Center and Get Fit, Indiana! Pick up a free tee shirt while quantities last, then hike with a naturalist through 3 miles of Turkey Run State Park's rugged beauty. Sturdy shoes or hiking boots recommended, and walking sticks can be helpful.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm. Nature Center.

Sunday, September 9

OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10am-4pm Weave A Bookmark – Stop by the Nature Center to weave a bookmark using an ancient technique, then use your new skill at home to make scarves, throws, rugs and more. Activity takes about 20 minutes.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Reservations recommended. Be seated by 2pm. Nature Center.

***Healthy Parks–Healthy People: Get “INShape” with us, or discover how to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.**

Monday & Thurs - Friday, Sep't. 10 & 13-14

OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Feed The Birds – Meet in the nature center's Wildlife Observation Room, & help put out food for the birds.

2pm Planetarium Star Show - Discover how easy it is to find ancient constellations and deep space objects during a 40-minute program. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm. Nature Center

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 11-12

Nature Center Closed

Saturday, September 15

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

***10am Fossil Hunt** – Discover how rocks can talk to you during this moderate 1.5-hour hike. Meet on the Nature Center front porch.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

Sunday, September 16

OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10:30am-4pm Make A Leaf ID Booklet – Stop by the Nature Center any time to make a leaf booklet, and then use it to identify trees while you hike today. 30-min. activity.

2pm Planetarium Star Show- See previous listing.

Monday, September 17

OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Feed The Birds – See previous listing

2pm Planetarium Star Show - See previous listing. Must be seated by 2pm.

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 18-19

Nature Center Closed

Thursday, September 20

OPEN 10 a.m. -4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show- See previous listing.

7pm Friends Meeting- Gather in the Dogwood Room at the Turkey Run Inn. Find out what our support group is doing to help the Parks right now and how you can be involved, and then join us for their fun and educational monthly program.

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Park Patch Program

Earn FREE patches at the Nature Center!

SMOKEY'S FRIEND JUNIOR NATURALIST

HOOSIER ECOLOGIST

Family Fun At Turkey Run Fall Camping Week-end

Friday, September 21

OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Feed The Birds – See previous listing

2pm Planetarium Star Show - See previous listing.

***8pm Owl Hoot** – Gather on the lawn by the bathhouse nearest the campground gatehouse to hoot with the owls. This one-hour firelight program & walk takes a close look at Turkey Run's 3 most common owls. Bring blankets/chairs.

Saturday, September 22

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Feed The Birds – See previous listing

10:30am Birds & Their Beaks – Come to the Nature Center to try out some birds' eating techniques, then make a feeder to take home. 1-hour fun-filled program.

2pm Planetarium Star Show - See previous listing.

***3pm Bottle Rockets & Giant Bubbles** – Gather on the lawn outside the Nature Center to make people-sized bubbles and shoot off water bottle rockets. 1-hour activity.

7:30pm Campfire Program – Bring blankets & chairs to the campfire ring near the 1st bathhouse to meet and touch wild animals and hear their sounds. We'll roast marshmallows, then do some star gazing and story telling. 1-hour activity.

Sunday, September 23

OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Feed The Birds – See previous listing

10:30-11:30am See A Snake – Stop by the Nature Center to see and touch real native snakes.

2pm Planetarium Star Show - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

Monday, Thursday & Friday, Sep't. 24 & 27-28

OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Feed The Birds – See previous listing

2pm Planetarium Star Show - See previous listing.

Must be seated by 2pm.

***Healthy Parks–Healthy People: Get “INShape” with us, or discover how to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.**

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 25-26
Nature Center Closed

National Public Lands Day

Saturday, September 29

OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

Turkey Run Work Day, one of hundreds happening across the country this morning, to celebrate and care for our public lands.

10am Feed The Birds – Meet in the nature center's Wildlife Observation Room, & help put out food for the birds.

9:30-10am Registration and Equipment - Meet at the Nature Center to get trail assignments and equipment.

***10am-noon Eleven-Trail Clean-up!** – Leave for assigned work areas & experience the joy of giving something back to your park as you clean up after a busy summer! Prizes, patches and posters for all back at the Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show - Discover how easy it is to find ancient constellations and deep space objects during a 40-minute program. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm. Nature Center

3pm Lusk Home Tour – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for a guided 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion & garden. Hear the legends, meet the people & enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family. Fun for all ages!

***7:30pm Night Hike** – Gather on the Nature Center front porch for a 1-hour easy hike into the night. Discover owls, bats, stars and more!

Sunday, September 30

OPEN 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

10am Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10:30-11:30am Petroglyph Face Painting – Discover pre-historic symbols and their meanings, and then have your favorite painted on your cheek or arm.

2pm Planetarium Star Show - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* Must be seated by 2pm.

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www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/

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